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The Honorable Dan Glickman, Secretary
Department of Agriculture
14th St. & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

Jane Henney, Commissioner
US Food and Drug Administration
HF-1, 5600 Fisher's Lane, Room 1471
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Secretary Glickman and Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to urge mandatory labeling of genetically modified foods. It has come to my attention that such labeling is not required, and consumers may unwittingly be purchasing genetically altered products in restaurants and grocery stores across the nation. We, as consumers and human beings, have a right to know what is in our food. Europe's major food producers have already agreed to keep genetically altered ingredients out of their food; but here in the U.S., the multi-national corporations who run the show (Monsanto, Astra-Zeneca, DuPont, Aventis, and Novartis) are only gearing up to produce more of their altered crops.

I realize that, at present, there is no overwhelming evidence of the danger of genetically engineered seeds and food, but I strongly believe people have the right to decide for themselves whether or not to purchase these products. I fully support mandatory labeling of all products containing these ingredients.

Sincerely,



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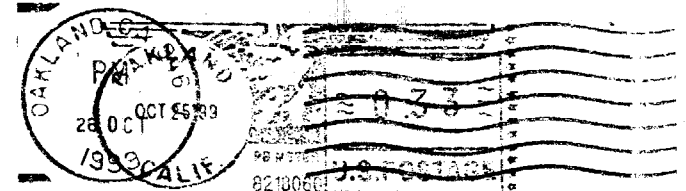
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